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**FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES  
April 30, 2007, 3:00 p.m.  
Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 154**

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John Kras called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2007**

Doug Ramsey motioned to approve the minutes of April 2, 2007. Byron Burnham seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements – John Kras**

1. President's Report – John stated that the President's Report included in the packet for today's meeting will be revised for a final draft that will include four more items from today's agenda that will go forward to the President Albrecht for approval.
2. Faculty Code Revisions – John explained that Sydney Peterson prepared an official process of determining how the code changes get to the Board of Trustees and get approved into the code. Once the Faculty Senate approves on the second reading a change to the faculty code, the Senate Secretary sends a memo to Sydney Peterson so that she can prepare information to the president for review and approval/disapproval. Once approved, these changes are sent to the Board of Trustees. If approved at the Trustee level, the President's office (Sydney) forwards the request to Human Resources to actually change the code.
3. Committee Assignments – Will Popendorf distributed a form for senators to fill out at today's meeting with requests for committee assignments for next year. Committee assignments will be made later this summer and announced in the fall.

At this point, John Kras thanked the chairs of the three major Faculty Senate committees: Britt Fagerheim – PRPC; Jenny Norton – BFW; and Kim Openshaw – AFT.

**University Business – President Stan Albrecht**

1. The President also thanked the committee chairs and others for the great work they have done.
2. Some highlights of the year are:
  - It was the year of our Regional Campuses. This has moved forward very successfully.
  - The announced the Comprehensive Campaign was made. It has been a great year in that sense. We now stand at over \$106 million.
  - It was a good legislative session.
  - Most importantly, the accomplishments of our faculty and students are a highlight to the University.

He complimented and thanked the Senate for the great job they continue to do.

3. President Albrecht announced that Glenn Ford, VP for Finance, will be leaving us. He expressed his appreciation to Glenn for all he has done for us. Fred Hunsaker will be coming back to work with us for a few months as an interim while the search for a new VP begins. They are also beginning a search for an individual who will fill the position of special assistant to the President for state and federal relations.
4. Enrollment numbers as of the second to the last day of April, we had 5720 completed applications for our fall class. A year ago at this time, the number was 5055, so we are up almost 700 students over where we were a year ago in terms of applications. The number of admitted students: currently at 5054; a year ago we were at 4329. Again almost 700 more students have been admitted. Out-of-state students are up almost 300 over last year at this time. Last year when we submitted our final numbers to the State Board of Regents in the third week of September, there were 5366 completed applications; we are now almost 400 above that in April.
5. Sydney Peterson announced the schedule of commencement ceremonies this week.

**Consent Agenda Items**

1. ADVANCE Report
2. Committee-on-Committees Report
3. EPC Business

#### 4. PRPC Business

a. Faculty Senate Past President 402.7.1-4 (2nd reading)

b. Faculty Forum Membership 402.9.1-2 (2nd reading)

A question was raised about the proposed amendments to 402.9.1 and 402.9.2 that might be confused as defining two Faculty Forums. The rationale was given that section 402.9.1 was amended to meet the Senate's prior expressed desire that special meetings would only comprise Faculty Forum members and would exclude administrators down to the department head level, while 402.9.2 was amended specifically to invite all faculty members (other than those excluded from the Forum in 402.9.1) to the regularly scheduled November meeting.

c. EPC Membership 402.12.6(2) (2nd reading)

d. EPC Curriculum Sub-committee Membership 402.12.6(5) (2nd reading)

Mike Parent motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Diane Calloway-Graham seconded the motion. Will Popenorf suggested a few minor changes regarding consistency in item (a) Faculty Senate Past President. Motion carried unanimously.

### Key Issues and Action Items

#### PRPC Business – Britt Fagerheim

##### 1. Representation of Extension and RCDE on Faculty Senate 402.10.1 and 402.12.1(2)(3)

As chair of the Committee-on-Committees, Will Popenorf wanted to state for the record that the apportionment process must be resolved with the RCDE faculty members. A meeting is scheduled in May to discuss this with Ronda Menlove. Dallas Holmes motioned to send this back to PRPC for final code write and bring back at the September meeting. Ed Heath seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

John Kras added that an ad-hoc committee will probably be formed to review all faculty code to correct the inconsistencies in the code.

### Old Business

##### 1. Academic Freedom 403.1 and Professional Responsibility and 403.3.1

John Kras explained that these code issues were not discussed during the May 2006 meeting although on the agenda because of a motion to end the meeting at 4:30. They should have been brought into the 2006-2007 session. Jan Alm motioned to re-charge PRPC with reviewing these codes. Vince Wickwar seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

### New Business

##### 1. Faculty Senate Supernumerary 402.3.1

PRPC proposed the addition of the reference to 402.7.3 to the bottom of this code as a reminder.

Will Popenorf motioned to charge PRPC with changing code as indicated. Jan Alm seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

##### 2. Senate Standing Committees 402.12.1(2)(b)

PRPC proposed the change the wording from 'Vice President' to 'President-Elect' for consistency.

Vince Wickwar motioned to charge PRPC with changing code as indicated. Tom Lachmar seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

##### 3. Pat Lambert stated that the HASS Faculty Senate caucus met and discussed some issues they would like brought up in the Senate regarding 407.7.2 Reasons for Non-Renewal. Pat motioned to charge PRPC look at 407.2 dealing with language that vests complete control with the department head in the absence of a promotion committee to coincide with the policy for the tenure process. Maria Cordero seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

##### 4. Doug Ramsey motioned that the Faculty Senate thank John Kras for his work over the past year and for accepting the position of Faculty Senate President in such short notice last year. Pat Lambert seconded the motion; motion carried with a unanimous clapping. Doug then presented John with a plaque and gift certificate to Hamilton's. John thanked the Senate for their work and looks forward to more work next year.

### Adjournment

Jan Alm motioned to adjourn the 2006-2007 Faculty Senate Session for the year. The motion was seconded (by many) and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.